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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

HoangAnh T. Le

Art Unit

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Hoanganh Le
Primary Examiner

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claims 1, 11 and 12, the use of "or" renders the claims alternative.

In claim 1, is the "designated shape" in line 5 the same with the "designated shape" in line 7?

In claim 5, "the first slot" has no antecedent basis.

In claim 9, "the second shield layer" has no antecedent basis.

In claim 12, "the second shielding layer" has no antecedent basis.

In claim 12, is the "designated shape" in line 5 of claim 12 the same with the "designated shape" in line 5 of claim 11?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Japanese Patent No. 54-120559 or Takei et al (the US Patent No. 5,977,924).

The Japanese reference teaches in figures 1a-1c a slot type antenna, comprising: a first dielectric layer 16 having a XY plane; a first feeding circuit sections 14 formed on the top or lower portion of the first dielectric layer 16, comprising a plurality of first strip lines 14a, 14b formed of a first loop with a designated shape from one side of the dielectric layer along the direction of the X-axis at a predetermined first period, propagating electromagnetic waves inputted; a second dielectric layer 11 formed on the top portion of the feeding circuit section; and a first shielding layer 12 formed on the top or lower portion of the second dielectric layer, radiating electromagnetic waves propagating on the feeding circuit section as vertically polarized waves or horizontally polarized waves.

The Takei et al reference teaches in figures 2a, 2b a slot type antenna, comprising: a first dielectric layer 22 having a XY plane; a first feeding circuit sections 4 formed on the top or lower portion of the first dielectric layer, comprising a plurality of first strip lines formed of a first loop with a designated shape from one side of the dielectric layer along the direction of the X-axis at a predetermined first period, propagating electromagnetic waves inputted; a second dielectric layer 21 formed on the top portion of the feeding circuit section; and a first shielding layer 26 formed on the top or lower portion of the second dielectric layer, radiating electromagnetic waves

propagating on the feeding circuit section as vertically polarized waves or horizontally polarized waves.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-10 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.
6. Claim 12 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: none of the cited art discloses a plurality of second strip lines formed of a second loop with a designated shape from the other side of the dielectric layer along the direction of the X-axis at the predetermined first period, in order to propagate electromagnetic waves.
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HoangAnh T. Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-1823. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hoanganh Le', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Hoanganh Le
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